



Shirley Ann Williams

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Shirley Ann (White) Williams, age 87, a lifelong resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in a local hospital. Born in Los Angeles, California, in 1937, Shirley often shared the story of her and her mother's move to Tennessee when she was just a tiny girl, unable to walk, talk, or care for herself. She would lovingly recount how the move to Chattanooga, Tennessee, was the cure—though she always left out the small detail that she was only a month-old baby at the time.

Shirley loved telling stories, recounting her life experiences, and reflecting on the lessons she had learned. A proud graduate of Howard High School, Class of 1955, she went on to attend Tennessee State University. She was a devoted member of the Tyner Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1972, where she found comfort and purpose in her life. Her response to the question, "How are you doing?" became a hallmark of her personality: "Considering my age and afflictions, I'm doing fairly well." It was a reply that always left others unsure whether to laugh or nod in agreement.

In her later years, Shirley found joy in simple pleasures—whether indulging in ice cream, enjoying game shows, or trying new activities she had never done before. She was rarely seen without her crossword puzzle book, which seemed to be an inseparable part of her life, like a purse she carried wherever she went. Shirley cherished connecting with family and friends, always making time for a quick phone call to check in, especially with her best friend, Marjorie, with whom she would share a few words like, "Hello, how are you feeling, girl I'm out and about right now—I'll call you later. Bye!"

A woman who deeply appreciated God's creation and the people in her life, Shirley's kindness, warmth, and nurturing spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew her. She had a natural inclination to help others, especially her grandchildren, and her genuine love for her family and community will be deeply missed.



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Shirley was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence T. White, and her mother, Mildred N. Martin.

She is survived by her sister, Shelia White of Los Angeles, CA; several cousins; her four children: Romel Williams, Benji Williams, both of Atlanta, GA, Carmen (Walter) Daugherty, and Dana Williams, both of Chattanooga; eight grandchildren: Aaron (Ashlee) Williams, Justyn (Jannkie) Meriwether, Ayesha Meriwether, Jeremy Williams, Jered Lindsey, Alexander (Kristi) Daugherty, Oliver Daugherty, and Daniel Daugherty; many great-grandchildren; and her long-time best friend and sister, Marjorie Baker.

Shirley will lie-in-state on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel with Pete Ensign giving the Discourse.

DIRECTIONS FOR LIVE STREAM: Click on the link below.

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Lie-In-State

 **Friday**, March 28, 2025

 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Taylor Funeral Home**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

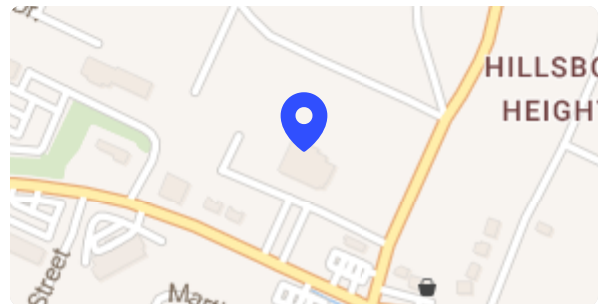


Funeral Service

 **Friday**, March 28, 2025

 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc. shared an album called **Funeral Service Camera 2 - Shirley Williams.**



April 3 at 6:09 AM



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Dernise Lewis Hill posted:

My condolences to the Williams Family, from the Lewis, Hill, Duffie Family. Shirley was a precious person. And I do remember her cross word puzzle book that she carried around. She was very dear to everyone.

March 28 at 8:22 PM



Mignon Mclarin lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

My condolences to the Williams family.



March 28 at 2:25 PM



Denise H. Wilkerson lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

Denise Hunt-Wilkerson



March 27 at 6:03 AM

DW Denise H. Wilkerson March 27 at 6:10 AM

My heartfelt and sincere condolences to family of Shirley Ann Williams. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Denise H. Wilkerson



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SM

Susan Sledge Moss posted:

Mrs. Shirley was an incredibly delightful part of my growing up years in Washington Hills. My 4 siblings and I had many meals, played many games, and enjoyed great childhood fun at Mrs. Shirley's house. She was like the neighborhood mom everyone wanted as their own. She had time for us all! Living next door to her was like having Six Flags Over GA within walking distance. She was kind, loving, & encouraging any/every time you saw her. My heartfelt prayers are with you Romel, Carmen, Dana, & Benji. May the strong peace of Christ sustain you. Susan Sledge Moss

March 27 at 5:28 AM

VW

Vertis Worsham sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Williams family.



March 27 at 5:02 AM

VW

Vertis Worsham planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirley.



March 27 at 5:02 AM

LF

Leonard Williams & Family sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Williams family.



March 27 at 3:46 AM

RW

Ricki White-Gomez & Buddy White sent a Serene Retreat to the Williams family.



March 26 at 7:10 PM

RW

Ricki White-Gomez & Buddy White planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirley.



March 26 at 7:10 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Williams family.

March 25 at 8:07 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirley.

March 25 at 8:07 AM



Miz Rose lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

My Condolences to Romel and his family! Miz Rose 🌹🙏

March 24 at 2:58 PM



CB **Charlotte Barnesgalloway** March 26 at 10:52 AM

My Deepest Condolences to Brother Romel and the Williams Family. From Sister Charlotte Galloway. North Riverdale Congregation

PT **Portia Thomas** March 25 at 3:10 PM

To the Williams family Portia and Michael send our heartfelt love to each of you. Mama Shirley will always hold a special place in our heart and remembrance.



Regina Kelley Starr lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

March 24 at 1:49 PM



Don Hunt lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

March 24 at 1:26 PM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirley.

March 24 at 10:49 AM



Aunt Sheila sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Williams family.

March 24 at 9:56 AM



Aunt Sheila planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirley.

March 24 at 9:56 AM



Connie sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Williams family.

March 24 at 9:17 AM



Connie planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirley.

March 24 at 9:17 AM





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Connie Gates lit a candle in honor of Shirley.



March 23 at 3:12 AM



Connie Gates March 23 at 3:15 AM

Shirley has always been the Best Sister n Law. I have known her all of my life. I will miss her calling me and asking about my children. Love you Shirley Ann.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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